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PATTERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

We made it to another Holiday Season, seems like it was just a year ago we were all gathering and celebrating. We wish everyone a great holiday season!.

If we want to make it a wonderful holiday, follow these basic safety suggestions:

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Use clips, not nails or staples to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.

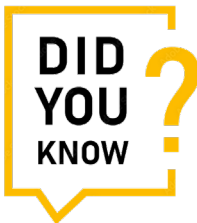
More Winter Safety Suggestions:

- Test your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms, and remember, replace them after 10 years.
- If you need assistance replacing a battery or alarm, contact the fire dept, they will be more than happy to help.
- Keep candles out of reach of children and/or where pets can knock them over.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Always have an adult in the kitchen when cooking.
- Know where the exits are and make sure they aren't blocked.
- Headlights on in fog and rain, drive at safe speeds, and **ALWAYS** pull to the right for emergency vehicles.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out and starting a fire.
- Do not burn paper or past due bills in your fireplace or fire stove.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from the fireplace and fire stove.
- Before you go to sleep or leave your home, put the fire out completely.



Other Things You might be interested in:

- Benjamin Franklin established the first fire company in 1736.
- Most house fires start in the kitchen.
- Before a firefighter can legally enter a building, they need a minimum of 100 hours of training.
- When they get a call, firefighters are expected to get dressed in less than two minutes.
- All of their gear plus tools can weigh around 70 pounds.



More than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles.

City of Patterson

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1 Plaza
P.O. Box 667
Patterson, CA 95363

Business Hours:

Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

Closed Sat, Sun, & Holidays

Code Enforcement:

(209) 895-8038

Graffiti Abatement:

(209) 895-8096

Water Quality Hotline:

(209) 895-8070

Police Department:

(209) 892-5071

Fire Department:

(209) 895-8130

Emergency : 911

Non-Emergency:

(800) 273-4911 or
(209) 552-2468 for the operator

Animal Control:

209-558-7387

For Public Works after hour emergency requests, please dial:

(209) 895-8000 and Select Option 9.

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Citizen's Newsletter



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Winter Edition



As you may or may not know, we have moved out of our downtown location and into our new "temporary" location located at 301 S. 1st St. This is because we are tearing down the old building and building a new Safety Center. This will be a multi-year process and should really help in revitalizing the downtown area.

We'd like to take a moment to talk about drinking and driving aka DUI's. It's the holiday season and that means a lot of parties, family gatherings and other

functions with plenty of holiday cheer. What we don't want you doing is drinking and driving after one of these events. If you do and you are caught, you can face jail time, heavy fines and increased insurance rates. More importantly to acknowledge is that you will be putting other people at risk because of a poor decision on your end. It just isn't worth it. On a related note, we received a \$136,000 grant from the state for DUI enforcement. What this means is that extra patrols will out doing DUI saturation patrol (more deputies out and about on Friday and Saturday nights looking for drunk drivers) and DUI checkpoints. So this is your warning. Do not drink and drive.

We wish everyone a great holiday season and hope you have a great time with your friends and family.

~ Chief Clayton



CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed on the following days:

Friday, December 22, 2023
Christmas Eve
Monday, December 25, 2023
Christmas Day
Friday, December 29, 2023
New Year's Eve
Monday, January 1, 2024
New Year's Day
Monday, January 15, 2024
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 19, 2024
President's Day



OUTDOOR
WATER USE
SCHEDULE

The Outdoor Water Use schedule continues to be on an odd and even schedule. Even-numbered buildings (0, 2, 4, 6, and 8) are allowed outdoor water use on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Odd-numbered buildings (1, 3, 5, 7, and 9) are allowed outdoor water use on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Car washing will only be allowed on the approved outdoor water use days.

OUTDOOR WATER USE SCHEDULE		
	Addresses end (0,2,4,6,8)	Addresses end (1,3,5,7,9)
Monday	No Outdoor Use	No Outdoor Use
Tuesday	Only Use Water Before 10am and/or After 7pm	No Outdoor Use
Wednesday	No Outdoor Use	Only Use Water Before 10am and/or After 7pm
Thursday	Only Use Water Before 10am and/or After 7pm	No Outdoor Use
Friday	No Outdoor Use	Only Use Water Before 10am and/or After 7pm
Saturday	Only Use Water Before 10am and/or After 7pm	No Outdoor Use
Sunday	No Outdoor Use	Only Use Water Before 10am and/or After 7pm

NO Dumping
In The Creeks

Section 13.32.110 of the city’s Municipal Code states “no person shall throw, deposit, leave, maintain, keep or permit to be thrown, deposited, left or maintained, in or upon any public or private property, driveway, parking area, street, alley, sidewalk, component of the storm drain system or water of the United States, any refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter or other discarded or abandoned objects, articles and accumulations, so that the same may cause or contribute to pollution.” First offense for illegal dumping is \$500.



CITY BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS VACANCIES

The City of Patterson is seeking civic-minded individuals interested in serving the community as part of the Hammon Senior Center Board of Directors.

We are currently accepting applications for two (2) seats for the term of January 2024 – January 2026.

Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 1 Plaza, Patterson or Downloaded off the city website www.ci.patterson.ca.us or simply scan the QR Code.



FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

The management of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in a community consists of a partnership between the federal government and the local community. The roles and responsibilities of the community are as follows:



- Provide restrictions and regulations that govern the use of floodplains to include development, permitting, and/or reviewing proposals to ensure the project is safe from flooding and provides adequate drainage; and
- Provide information on how property owners can protect themselves from flood damage; and
- Provide information on the NFIP; and/or
- Provide mapping and insurance information services.

You may visit our web page at www.ci.patterson.ca.us for useful links to historical flood data, constructing in the floodplain, flood zone determinations, links to FEMA/NFIP websites, and what to do before, during, and after floods. Current and historical mapping information can also be found on the city’s website, at your local library, and/or by calling your floodplain administrator at (209) 895-8061 or email mencinas@ci.patterson.ca.us.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Report Illicit Discharge At (209) 895-8060

DON'T DRAIN YOUR POOL WATER DOWN THE STORM DRAINS!

Water from swimming pools and hot tubs often contain high levels of chlorine. Discharging chlorinated pool/spa water into streams, (or irrigation canals, ponds, etc.) is harmful to fish and other aquatic life. The discharge of any sewage or industrial waste, including swimming pool water, to the storm drains is PROHIBITED, per the City’s Stormwater Ordinance. Please use the following guidelines to properly dispose of these waters:



Discharge pool backwash water, pool cleaning wastewater and standing water to the SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM. Neutralize water before discharge by following these steps:

- Prior to disposal of pool water to a sanitary sewer, shut off the chlorination system if you have one, or stop adding chlorine.
- Hold the water in the pool or hot tub for at least two weeks to allow the chlorine to dissipate.
- Measure the chlorine level in the pool or hot tub prior to discharging the water. The water should not show any detectable levels of chlorine. A longer holding period may be necessary if chlorine levels continue to remain at detectable levels at the end of two weeks. Chlorine measurements can be made with a chlorine test kit (colorimetric).
- Plan discharge for low-use times of sewer flow such as afternoon or late-night hours.
- Use small volume pump and control discharge so it doesn’t spill out. (< 800 gallons per minute)
- Discharge with hose into access “cap” of the private property sewer cleanout. DO NOT use public manholes or cleanouts.
- Care should be taken in making sure the discharge is to a sanitary sewer and not a storm system, which would discharge to our local waterways (creeks, streams, and rivers).

REMEMBER ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN!
For more information, please visit the City’s website at www.ci.patterson.ca.us or contact Public Works at 895-8060.

CHRISTMAS
TREE PICK-UP



Bertolotti Disposal Service will be picking up Christmas trees in conjunction with the Leaf Pickup Schedule. If trees are over five feet tall, they must be cut in half in order to be picked up. Tree pick-ups will occur between January 1, and January 26, 2024. Flocked trees will not be accepted and will have to be disposed separately.

Leaf Pickup Schedule

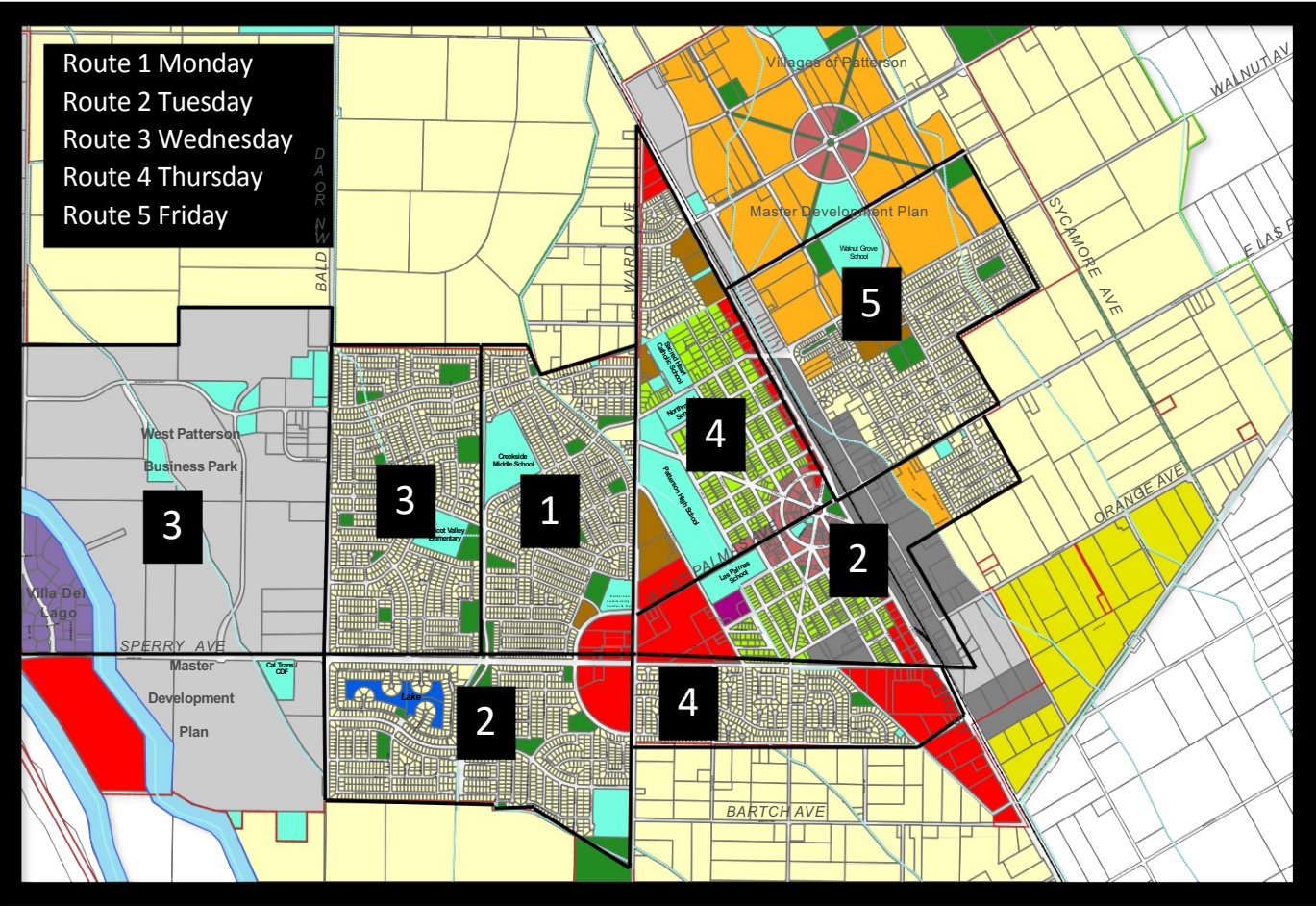
PLEASE MOVE YOUR VEHICLES THE NIGHT BEFORE TO ENSURE YOUR LEAVES GET PICKED UP

City of Patterson - Public Works Department

The Leaf Pickup program begins on
November 6th, 2023 and ends on January 26th, 2024
(Starting and ending dates are approximate and dependent on how the leaves fall.)

Leaves will be picked up weekly. You can locate your leaf pick-up day using the map. Please make use of your 90-gallon Green Bin. When it is full, rake the remaining leaves from your property into a pile(s) and place 5 feet from your curb. Please do not place tree limbs in leaf piles. To help avoid delays and for adequate leaf pickup, please do not park your vehicles on the street during your scheduled pickup day. This will help ensure easy access for the leaf collection.

If you have any questions regarding this map or the routes shown, please call Public Works at (209) 895-8060 or email publicworks@ci.patterson.ca.us



Christmas tree pick-up: will be picked on leaf schedule day- trees must be cut in 1/2 & no more than 5ft long, no flocked trees
If Christmas tree is placed in the green bin, these must be cut into smaller pieces to fit the container. No bulky pickup appointments will be scheduled after December 15th, 2023 and will resume scheduling after the new year.
During the upcoming holidays all residential services will be delayed one day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Year's Day. There will be no service interruption for any commercial services during holidays.

Code Enforcement Division Winter 2023 Newsletter Tip
TOPIC: PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Is your property in compliance with the Patterson Municipal Code requirements?
Use the below checklist to determine if it is, by doing a self-check.

6.16.020 Nuisances.

- A. **Unlawful Residential Property Nuisance.** It shall be unlawful for any person owning, leasing, renting, occupying or having charge or possession of any residential property in the city to maintain or to allow to be maintained such property in such manner that any of the following conditions are found to exist thereon, except as may be allowed by any other provision of law, including provisions of city ordinances:

 - ☐ The accumulation of dirt, litter or debris;
 - ☐ Clothes lines or clothes hanging in front yards;
 - ☐ Boxes, bins, containers, lumber, junk, trash, salvage materials or other similar materials;
 - ☐ Attractive nuisances dangerous to children, including but not limited to abandoned, broken or neglected equipment, machinery, refrigerators and freezers, hazardous pools, ponds and excavations;
 - ☐ Broken or discarded furniture, household equipment and furnishings or shopping carts;
 - ☐ Overgrown vegetation likely to harbor rats, vermin and other nuisances dangerous to public health, safety and welfare, or obstructing a necessary view of drivers on public streets or private driveways;
 - ☐ Weeds, dead, decayed, diseased or hazardous trees and other vegetation constituting an unsightly appearance or dangerous to public health, safety and welfare;
 - ☐ Swimming pools with stagnant water, including the accumulation of floating scum, algae, and debris;
 - ☐ Graffiti on the exterior of any building, fence or other structure;
 - ☐ Wrecked, abandoned, dismantled or inoperable vehicles, vehicle parts or other articles or personal property that are abandoned or left in a state of partial construction or repair;
 - ☐ Mobile homes, recreational vehicles, utility trailers, unmounted camper shells, boats, cars, trucks or other vehicles that are parked or stored in violation of this title or Title 18 of this code;
 - ☐ Buildings that are abandoned, boarded up, partially destroyed or left in a state of partial construction and such buildings that are unpainted or where the paint on the building exterior is mostly worn off;
 - ☐ Any substandard housing condition under the State Housing Law, as provided by section 17920.3 of the California Health and Safety Code.
- B. **Unlawful Nonresidential Property Nuisance.** It shall be unlawful for any person owning, leasing, renting, occupying or having charge or possession of any nonresidential property in the city to maintain or to allow to be maintained such property in such a manner that any of the following conditions are found to exist thereon and are visible from a public street, except as may be allowed by any other provision of law, including provision of city ordinances:

 - ☐ The accumulation of dirt, litter or debris;
 - ☐ Boxes, bins, containers, lumber, junk, trash, salvage materials or other similar materials;
 - ☐ Attractive nuisances dangerous to children, including but not limited to abandoned, broken or neglected equipment, machinery, refrigerators and freezers, hazardous pools, ponds and excavations;
 - ☐ Broken or discarded furniture, household equipment and furnishings or shopping carts;
 - ☐ Overgrown vegetation likely to harbor rats, vermin and other nuisances dangerous to public health, safety and welfare, or obstructing a necessary view of drivers on public streets or private driveways;
 - ☐ Weeds, dead, decayed, diseased or hazardous trees and other vegetation constituting an unsightly appearance or dangerous to public health, safety and welfare;
 - ☐ Wrecked, abandoned or inoperable vehicles, vehicle parts or other articles of personal property that are abandoned or left in a state of partial construction or repair;
 - ☐ Mobile homes, recreational vehicles, utility trailers, unmounted camper shells, boats, cars, trucks or other vehicles that are parked or stored in violation of Chapter 18.98 of the zoning title;
 - ☐ Graffiti on the exterior of any building, fence or other structure;
 - ☐ Buildings that are abandoned, boarded up, partially destroyed or left in a state of partial construction and such buildings that are unpainted or where the paint on the building exterior is mostly worn off;
 - ☐ Any other item or items, condition or situation determined by the fire chief, community development director or chief of police services to be a public nuisance or a health or safety concern.

Potential violations can be reported to any of the following:
City of Patterson | Code Enforcement Division
<https://www.ci.patterson.ca.us/>
Phone: (209) 895-8038 | Fax: (209) 895-8019
Graffiti Abatement Hotline: (209) 895-8096

